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1. SUMMARY: OUTSTANDING ISSUES HAVE BEEN SETTLED AS
DESCRIBED BELOW. GOI NOTE ON TOBACCO ITEM AND TEXTS OF
THREE EMBASSY NOTES ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF GOI NOTES
TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

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2. ISRAELI EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THAT ALL BUT

"ABSOLUTELY NEGLIBLE" AMOUNT OF U.S. EXPORT TO ISRAEL OF MACHINE MADE PAPER AND PAPER BOARD ENTER UNDER GROUP 6, ITEM 805 OF THE ISRAELI TARIFF SCHEDULE RATHER THAN TARIFF ITEM 48.019990. THE TARIFF FOR THE SPECIFIC PRODUCT, KRAFT LINER USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF CORRUGATED PAPER BOARD CONTAINERS, IS BOUND IN GATT AT 12 PERCENT, BUT THE TARIFF CURRENTLY APPLIED IS THREE PERCENT. THE GOI HAS AGREED TO PLACE GROUP 6, ITEM 805 ON THE PRODUCT LIST.

3. WE HAVE AGREED TO ACCEPT 375,000 DOLLARS AS THE CRITERION IN PARAGRAPH 2B OF THE GOI NOTE A (TEL AVIV 4486).

4. TOBACCO. THE GOI WILL PROVIDE A NOTE ON TOBACCO (TARIFF ITEM 24.021000) WHICH INCORPORATES THE GOI CONCERN RELATED TO THE FISCAL ELEMENT OF THE TARIFF. THERE ARE SOME SLIGHT CHANGES TO THE VERSION OF THE LANGUAGE IN REF C.

5. PRODUCT LIST TO BE ATTACHED TO GOI NOTE HAS BEEN CAREFULLY COMPARED WITH ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. COPY OF AGREED VERSION TO BE SENT BY ISRAELI POUCH TO KIRIYATI EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 30.

6. WE NOTE THAT PARA 1 OF REF C REFERS TO "LETTER" ON TOBACCO. IN REF A WE MENTION "NOTE." WE HAVE A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR A NOTE. INGERSOLL

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